

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~to drill holes~~for drilling a hole in an electric circuit substrate ~~with the help of~~using a laser beam, ~~which is to be~~ set via a deflection optics unit and an imaging unit to ~~an individual drill~~ position and to be subsequently guided within the area of an intended drill hole in a circular movement, the method comprising:

performing movement and centering of the laser beam ~~axis to the individual a drill position by~~using way of a first deflection unit;

continuously ~~modulating the circular movement onto the laser beam via~~moving a second deflection unit ~~for modulating~~to modulate the laser beam to the circular movement, whereas the second deflection unit ~~is being~~placed in the a position preceding the first deflection unit; and

turning ~~on~~ the laser beam on -when the first deflection unit is at a standstill.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the circular movement of the laser beam is created by two overlapping, sinusoidal movements of the second deflection unit, the sinusoidal movements being out of phase by 90°.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the deflection in the second deflection unit is created by overlapping more than two individual movements.

4.-12. (Cancelled)